

physiologically acceptable acid, complexed with a substantially  
5 equimolar amount of a magnesium compound, solubilised in a water  
miscible solvent system comprising,

a) glycerol formal in an amount of from about 10 to about  
50% v/v; with

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b) polyethylene glycol<sup>200</sup><sub>A</sub> in an amount of from about 1 to 15%  
v/v;

said composition optionally containing a pH modifier in an  
amount sufficient to maintain a physiochemically acceptable pH,  
the balance being made up with water q.s.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2"; and  
Claim 4, line 1, delete "or claim 2".  
Cancel claim 10.

Add the following claims:

3 11. (New) A composition according to claim 2 wherein the  
magnesium compound is magnesium oxide.

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12. (New) A composition according to claim 2 wherein the  
magnesium compound is a magnesium salt.

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13. (New) A composition containing as active principle a  
tetracycline compound in an amount of from about 15 to about 35%  
w/v, either as the free base or a salt thereof with a  
physiologically acceptable acid, complexed with a substantially  
5 equimolar amount of a magnesium compound, solubilised in a water  
miscible solvent system comprising,

a) glycerol formal in an amount of from about 10 to about

50% v/v; with

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10 b) polyethylene glycol<sub>A</sub> in an amount of from about 1 to 15% v/v;

said composition optionally containing a pH modifier in an amount sufficient to maintain a physiochemically acceptable pH, the balance being made up with water q.s.

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~~14~~. (New) A composition according to claim ~~13~~<sup>11</sup> comprising as a thickener polyvinyl pyrrolidone in an amount of up to about 10% w/v.

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~~15~~. (New) A composition according to claim ~~13~~<sup>11</sup> wherein the magnesium compound is magnesium oxide.

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~~16~~. (New) A composition according to claim ~~13~~<sup>11</sup> wherein the magnesium compound is a magnesium salt.

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~~17~~. (New) A composition according to claim ~~13~~<sup>14</sup> wherein the magnesium salt is magnesium chloride.

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~~18~~. (New) A composition according to claim ~~13~~<sup>11</sup> wherein the tetracycline compound is oxytetracycline base or its hydrochloride.

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~~19~~. (New) A composition according to claim ~~13~~<sup>11</sup> wherein the composition contains about 30% w/v oxytetracycline, about 40% glycerol formal, about 10% v/v polyethylene glycol<sub>A</sub><sup>200</sup> with a magnesium-containing complexing agent or stabilizer, antioxidant and water making up the balance.